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1. In early January 1951, the Soviet Baltic Fleet was ordered by Admiral Yumashev, Soviet Navy Minister, to transfer three destroyers, 15 submarines, one cruiser, and the battleship OCTOBER REVOLUTION to the Vladivostok area to become part of the Soviet Far Eastern Fleet.
2. Also in early January 1951, the Soviet 61st and 63rd Infantry Divisions and the 40th Armored Car Division, all under the command of Marshal Timoshenko, moved from Tashkent. Some elements of these units moved to the Port Arthur-Dairen area and others moved to Outer Mongolia for garrison duty.
3. In late January 1951, the 36th and 37th Divisions\* and the 9th Armored Car Division moved from Irkutsk to an undetermined area in Eastern Siberia and were placed under the command of Lt. Gen. Pilusov, Commanding General of forces in Vladivostok.\*\*
4. In mid-January 1951, the Soviet 18th Armored Car Division and the 21st Paratroop Division were moving from the Lena River area of Eastern Siberia to Sakhalin.
5. Vasili Stalin reached the following conclusions as a result of his Far East trip in January 1951\*\*\* when he conferred with Malinovski and inspected various Soviet Far East air bases:
  - a. The Soviet Air Force in the Far East is inadequate and should be expanded.
  - b. Soviet air bases in the Far East need repair and expansion.

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6. Approximately in January 1951, a special Soviet submarine unit of 50 submarines was being sent from an undetermined area in the USSR to patrol Far Eastern waters. All of these submarines are to be based in Yulin Harbor, Hainan.

\* [ ] Comment: Ukrainian divisions.

\*\* [ ] Comment: Probably Col. Gen. S.S. Biryuzov, Commander of the Maritime Military District with headquarters at Voroshilov.

\*\*\* [ ] Comment: [ ] Lt. Gen. Stalin, 25X1  
Iosif Stalin's son, is not normally concerned with the Far East.

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